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FROM BIERMAN TO GINATURCO/EXIMBANK

E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: EFIN

SUBJ: BERNE UNION EGM - TERMS FOR CONTAINERS

1. NO MAJOR SURPRISES AT MEETING. STEEL CLUB AGAIN DEFERRED BUT CONTAINER CLUB AGREED TO, EFFECTIVE APRIL 1, IF HERMES CONCURS BY THAT DATE. IF NOT, CLUB DOES NOT BECOME OPERABLE. BELIEVE EIB APPROVAL \$28 MILLION CONTAINER SALE WOULD NOT BE IN SPIRIT OF CONTAINER CLUB AGREED TO AT CAPETOWN. RECEIVED NO RPT NO INDICATION THAT ANYONE HAD OR WOULD EXCEED FIVE YEARS FOR CONTAINERS. GERMAN RELUCTANCE BASED ON TEN PER CENT CASH PAYMENT REQUIREMENT FOR LEASING CONTRACTS AND NOT RPT NOT ON TER. WOULD RECOMMEND HOLDING TERMS OF P.C. TO FIVE YEARS WITHOUT DIRECT EVIDENCE OFFICIALLY SUQORTED FOREIGN COMPETITION.

2. MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE DID NOT MEET UNTIL MORNING OF LAST DAY. DENTON BRINGING BACK MY LONGHAND NOTES OF THE MEETING. STATUTES DISCUSSED, BUT NOT MEANINGFULLY. MAJOR DISCUSSION TO TAKE PLACE AT LONDON MGM. HASCHECK WOULD LIKE WRITTEN COMMENTS ON LATEST DRAFT STATUTES TO HIM BY FEBRUARY 15 SO THOUGHTS CAN BE INCORPORATED PRIOR TO LONDON MEETING.

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3. SO FAR 73 APPLICATIONS RECEIVED FOR SEC-GEN POST.

SUMMARY OF CANDIDATES ALSO BEING HANDCARRIED TO YOU BY DENTON.
HASCHEK/FELL TO MAKE REVIEW OF APPLICATIONS WITH INTENT TO
REDUCE NUMBER TO 5-10 FOR FORMAL INTERVIEW PROBABLY DAY
BEFORE LONDON MEETING. HASCHEK AGAIN PRESSING FOR DECISION
AT LONDON SO WHOLE MEMBERSHIP CAN ACT AT FLORENCE AGM.

4. EUROPEAN FEELING UNFAVORABLE TOWARD JEAN-JEAN. I ALERTED
BOTH HASCHEK AND WARD THAT EIB WOULD OBJECT VIOLENTLY IF
FINAL CANDIDATES DID NOT REPRESENT GOOD CROSS SECTION.
STRESSED OUR CONTINUED SUPPORT FOR JEAN-JEAN AND FACT THAT
IT WOULD TAKE AWFULLY GOOD MAN TO BEAT HIM OUT. WARD IS
BEING TOUTED BEHIND SCENES FOR POSITION. IF HE ACCEPTS,
BELIEVE EIB SHOULD CONCUR IN SELECTION.

WILL PROVIDE DETAILED REPORT UPON RETURN, HOWEVER DRAFT
MINUTES MAY PRECEDE ME.
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